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ITC Great Plains Applies for Siting Permit for Phase II of the KETA Transmission Line Project

TOPEKA, Kan., March 2, 2010 – ITC Great Plains, LLC today applied to the Kansas Corporation Commission (KCC) for a siting permit to construct Phase II of the KETA high-voltage electric transmission line project (also known as the Spearville-Knoll-Axtell line). Subject to KCC analysis and approval, Phase II of the 345,000 volt (345kV) line will run approximately 85 miles through north-central Kansas from the Post Rock (originally Knoll) substation near Hays to the Kansas-Nebraska border.

ITC has coordinated with the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) on a proposed border crossing point located in Smith County, about 3.5 miles east of Kansas Highway 8 and Nebraska Highway 10. NPPD will build the approximately 50-mile segment of the line from the Kansas-Nebraska border to Axtell, Neb. The entire line will run approximately 225 miles from Spearville, Kan., to Axtell, Neb. The KCC approved the Phase I route, from Spearville to Hays, in July 2009.

“The Spearville-Knoll-Axtell transmission line is a critical infrastructure project for ITC Great Plains, the state of Kansas and the region,” said Carl Huslig, president of ITC Great Plains. “This project will provide access to more reliable, efficient and affordable electricity, allowing Kansas to deliver its abundant natural resource – wind energy – across the region, and regain its position as a net exporter of energy.”

The application for the Phase II siting permit is the result of a process that began in 2009 when ITC Great Plains developed three potential routes through Ellis, Rooks, Osborne, Smith and Phillips counties. ITC invited landowners with properties on or near the proposed routes to open house events in Plainville on November 30 and Smith Center on December 1. More than 400 landowners, residents and other interested parties attended the events and provided input regarding the routes. Their comments were taken into consideration during development of the proposed final route, which attempts to minimize impacts to residents, their land and the natural environment while providing a technically viable and cost-effective transmission line.

ITC anticipates the KCC will conduct a public hearing on the siting application in approximately 60 days, followed by an order approving a specific route on or about June 30, 2010. ITC then would begin negotiations with landowners to purchase right-of-way easements. Phase II construction is projected to begin by late 2011. Phase II of the KETA Project is expected to be built primarily with single tubular steel poles which will minimize the impact on agricultural land use.

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ITC held open house events in December 2008 for Phase I of the project, the 89-mile segment from Spearville to Hays. Following Phase I siting approval, ITC began activities to obtain landowner easements. Construction on Phase I is expected to begin in March 2011.

About the KETA (Spearville-Knoll-Axtell) Project

The KETA Project, also known as the Spearville-Knoll-Axtell line, is a 345,000 volt (345kV) transmission line conceived and sponsored by the Kansas Electric Transmission Authority (KETA). It will run approximately 225 miles from Spearville, Kan., to Axtell, Neb. The line is being built in three phases: Spearville to the Post Rock substation (formerly Knoll) near Hays; Post Rock to the Kansas-Nebraska border; and from the Kansas-Nebraska border to Axtell. ITC Great Plains will build the first two segments, from Spearville to the Nebraska border. The Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) is responsible for building the third segment, from the Kansas-Nebraska border to Axtell, where it will interconnect with a substation owned and operated by NPPD. For more information on the SKA line, please go to <http://www.itctransco.com/projects/current/itcgreatplains.html>.

About ITC Great Plains

ITC Great Plains, LLC was formed in July 2006 as a subsidiary of ITC Grid Development, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC), the nation's only fully independent electric transmission company. Headquartered in Topeka, Kansas, ITC Great Plains is a transmission-only utility which seeks to build a more robust electric transmission system providing access to reliable, non-discriminatory, competitive and low-cost energy throughout the Southwest Power Pool (SPP) region. ITC Great Plains holds transmission-only utility status in Kansas and Oklahoma with the authority to construct, own, operate, and maintain a regulated, high-voltage transmission system. For more information, please visit <http://www.itctransco.com>.

About ITC Holdings Corp.

ITC Holdings Corp. (NYSE: ITC) invests in the electricity transmission grid to improve electric reliability, improve access to markets, and lower the overall cost of delivered energy. ITC is the largest independent electricity transmission company in the country. Through its subsidiaries, International Transmission Company *d/b/a* ITC *Transmission*, Michigan Electric Transmission Company, LLC (METC) and ITC Midwest LLC, ITC operates contiguous, regulated, high-voltage transmission systems in Michigan's Lower Peninsula and portions of Iowa, Minnesota, Illinois and Missouri, serving a combined peak load in excess of 25,000 megawatts. ITC is also focused on new areas where significant transmission system improvements are needed through subsidiaries ITC Grid Development, LLC, ITC Great Plains, LLC and ITC Panhandle Transmission, LLC. For more information, please visit: <http://www.itc-holdings.com>.

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